

Town of Epping, NH

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Water & Sewer Commissioners
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Water & Sewer Administrator
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WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2019

Attendance:

Chairman Tom Gauthier, Commissioner Bob Bean, Commissioner John Dold
W&S Administrator Dennis Koch
W&S Operators Norm Dionne & Jim Pouliot.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Gauthier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Epping Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Bean to approve the minutes of October 29, 2019 as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Appointments/Public Hearing: Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers explained the USDA Rural Development Program grant. This is to decommission both lagoons 1 & 2. We are currently eligible for 50%-75% reimbursement. There is a three part application process. In April/May they will look at all unused funds and pool them together, then award. They will do this again in August. We will have a warrant article in 2021 once these figures are known.

John Grammas came in to discuss sewer capacity for his development next to Walgreens. He has approval to use 516 GPD from an on-site well. We will match that in sewer capacity. This is based on a 10,360 sq. ft. building, straight retail. JG requests a letter from W&S committing to the sewer capacity. We will do that, but his ability to discharge arsenic is tied to our next permit, should it have restrictions on arsenic.

Before a building permit is issued, we need the following:

- Stamped plans with the design of both water and sewer lines and proposed connections to the municipal system.
- Design specs. on his water treatment system.
- Sewer connection fee of \$5,160.00 paid.

Dave Mercier continued. We have requested a one year extension on closing lagoon #1, so we will have no sewer warrant article in 2020.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to have no sewer warrant article in 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion on the Water warrant article, increasing the size of the line to 12" to provide fire protection to west Epping.

Fuller Lane is private, we should have an easement to maintain a water line under it.

Motion by Chairman Gauthier to submit the \$8.5 Million water warrant article, to include 12" pipe. Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3-0.

We will use the next Water and Sewer meeting on January 7th at 7:00 as an informational meeting for the public. DM will present, Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee are invited to attend.

DM will also present the water warrant article at the Deliberative Session on February 4th.

We will mail out an informational flyer to all property owners in mid-February.

4 Administrator's Report: Dennis Koch requested an abatement for two customers. One for \$157.35 and the other for \$53.98. One unit was empty during the third quarter, the other had a leak under the trailer.

**Motion by Commissioner Bean to approve the abatements.
Seconded by Commissioner Dold. Motion carried 3-0.**

5. Operator's Report: Nothing.

6. Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Bean: Merry Christmas

Commissioner Dold: Nothing.

Chairman Gauthier: Nothing.

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Dold.
Seconded by Commissioner Bean. Motion carried 3 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis W. Koch Jr.
Water & Sewer Administrator

Minutes approved:



Tom Gauthier, Chairman



Robert Bean, Commissioner



John Dold, Commissioner